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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

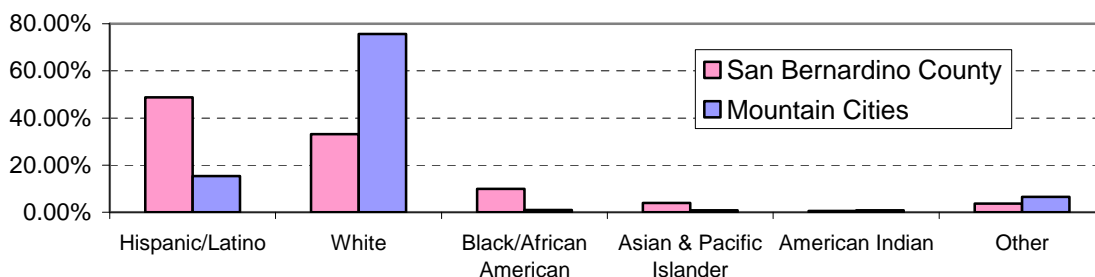
San Bernardino County Total Area*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



San Bernardino County
Brief Overview &
Population Comparison
with Mountain Cities

	San Bernardino County		Mountain Cities	
Total Population	1,709,434		49,397	
Under 18 Years	552,047		13,341	
Ethnicity				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	2,039	15.28%
White	183,512	33.20%	10,093	75.65%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	125	0.94%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	103	0.77%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	116	0.87%
Other	19,765	3.60%	865	6.48%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)



Referral Information for Mountain Cities (2006)

Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Mountain Cities	52.5 per 1,000 Children	2.47 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 5.3% (52.5 :1,000) children less than 18 year old had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.2% (2.5 :1,000) children were removed from their family in the Mountain Cities.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, the Mountain Cities has lower referral rate and foster care entry rates.

Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 837)	Number of Children (Total = 915)
Of all referrals received, 58.5% resulted in a CPS investigation:	490	701
Of all referrals received, 12.8% were found to be true:	107	180
Of all referrals received, 4.8% resulted in an open case:	40	80
Of all referrals received, 2.3% resulted in a child removal:	19	33

What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 915 child abuse reports in Mountain Cities in 2006 for 701 children. The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. *One child can have more than one allegation.

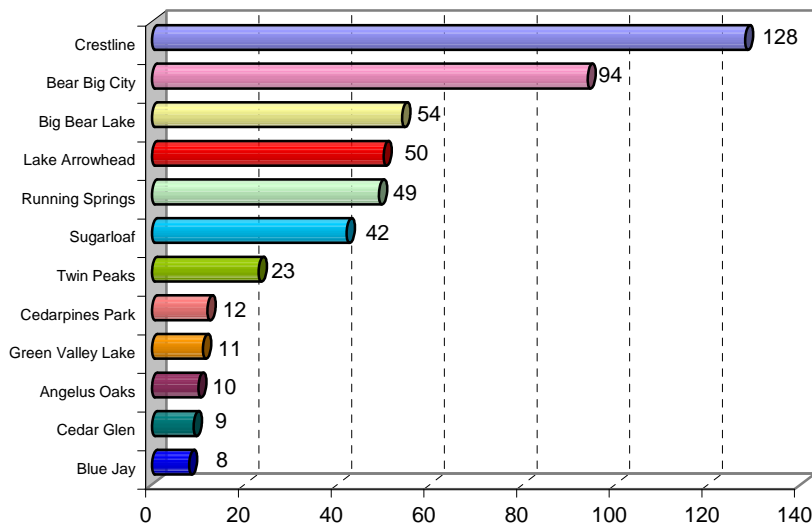
Type of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	464	50.71%
Physical Abuse	142	15.52%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	109	11.91%
Sexual Abuse	78	8.52%
Emotional Abuse	60	6.56%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	35	3.83%
Severe Neglect	24	2.62%
Exploitation	3	0.33%
Total Allegations	915	



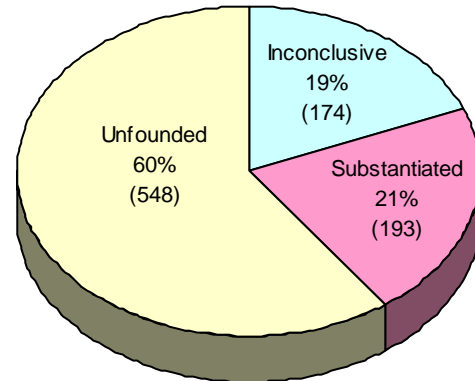
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2 Allegations investigated by cities in 2006?
490 families were involved in investigations.



How the investigations were concluded in 2006?
915 allegations were investigated.



4 Where were children placed after they
were removed from their home in 2006?

33 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences.
The following table indicates the types of placement homes
where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	14
Relative/NREFM Home	12
Foster Family Home	3
Group Home	2
Sensitive Placement	2
Total Children Removed	33

How many placement resources were in the
mountain cities?

There are 76 foster facilities in the mountain cities.
The majority of foster homes are guardians or
adoptive foster family homes.

Types of Homes	# of Homes
FFA Certified Home	17
Adoptive or Foster Family Home	22
Guardian Home	20
Relative/NREFM Home	17
Total	76

2 **4** Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and
child removal rate in child welfare?

Disproportionality in child welfare exists when any ethnic group has a higher
rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total
population. In Mountain Cities, Black/African American children have higher
rates of investigated referrals and Hispanic/Latino children have higher removal
rates compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Investigated Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Removed Children in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	10,093	493	48.85	26	2.58
Black/African American	125	21	168.00	0	0.00
Hispanic/Latino	2,039	158	77.49	7	3.43
American Indian	116	2	17.24	0	0.00
Asian & Pacific Islander	103	5	48.54	0	0.00
Other	865	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown		22			
Total	13,341	701	52.54	33	2.47

Foster Care Removal and Placement
Outcomes for Children in Mountain
Cities (2006)

Of the 33 children removed from their families in
Mountain Cities 2006.

- 6 children have been reunified to date (1 child has re-entered care),
- 1 child was incarcerated
- 26 children remained in care.

Of the 26 children who are currently in care and
the 1 child who re-entered foster care for a total
of 27 children:

- 14 children were not placed with relatives
 - 2 children were placed in the same mountain city and 12 children were placed in homes in other communities.
- 13 children were placed with relatives.
 - 1 child was placed with relatives in the same mountain city and 12 children were placed with relatives in other communities.